

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 1268 - HB 1244

April 29, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement that county sheriffs have the responsibility to transport persons with mental illness or serious emotional disturbance to an in-patient care facility. The bill adds emergency services providers to the list of eligible persons who may transport such individuals. Currently, the county sheriff has the responsibility to transport these individuals unless one of the other approved entities does so.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 28, 2005 we issued a fiscal note on this bill indicating a *minimal fiscal impact*. Based upon additional information provided by the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, the estimated fiscal impact of the bill is:

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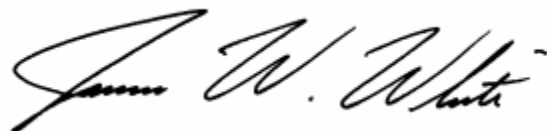
Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$225,000

Assumptions:

- The bill will result in a shift of the financial burden for the transportation of mentally ill persons from the County Sheriff to the county due to the language in subsection (b) of the bill which states that the transportation of such individuals is the responsibility of the county and that agents providing transportation may bill the county of residence for any costs.
- In some situations where persons are transported to an in-patient care facility but are not admitted, the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities will be responsible for returning such individuals to their county of residence. Because the department does not have the statutory authority to bill these counties, they will incur additional expenditures estimated to exceed \$225,000.
- The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities does not have the statutory authority to contract for such services at a lesser cost.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director